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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP (CARTER, JIMMY)
SUBJECT: POSSIBLE SUMMIT MEETING IN LAGOS

REF: STATE 67374

1. REFTEL, DELAYED IN TRANSMISSION, RECEIVED HERE 1225 LOCAL
MARCH 17.

2. WE THINK NYERERE WOULD ATTEND LAGOS SUMMIT. HIS
SENSITIVITIES MIGHT BE BRUISED IF HE CONSIDERED LAGOS AS CO-
OPTING FRONTLINE, OF WHICH NYERERE IS CHAIRMAN, BUT WE BELIEVE
HIS SENSITIVITIES COULD BE DEALT WITH BY ACCORDING HIM PROPER
RECOGNITION AT AND IN ADVANCE OF SUMMIT.

3. GIVEN THE NATURE OF NIGERIA'S GUEST LIST AND APPARENT
NIGERIAN INTERESTS IN FOCUSING SUMMIT ON RHODESIA, WE SEE NO
WAY THAT RHODESIA COULD BE AVOIDED AS CENTRAL ISSUE. NYERERE'S
PRINCIPAL INTEREST IN THE SUMMIT WOULD ALSO BE RHODESIA AND WE
WOULD EXPECT HIM TO COME SEEKING TO ADVANCE THE ANGLO-AMERICAN
PROPOSALS. IF WE AND THE BRITISH ARE PREPARED TO APPROACH

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RHODESIA PRIMARILY ON THE BASIS OF THE ANGLO-AMERICAN PROPOSALS,
WE BELIEVE THE IMAGE OF THE US IN AFRICA WOULD BE GREATLY
ENHANCED. THE MIXTURE OF THE US, THE UK AND AFRICANS COLLABORATING
ON THE ANGLO-AMERICAN PROPOSALS AND MOVING AHEAD TO THE NEXT
STEP COULD PROVIDE USEFUL MOMENTUM IN BRINGING THE PATRIOTIC
FRONT AND EVEN THE INTERNAL NATIONALISTS ALONG.

4. IF THE US AND THE UK ARE NOT PREPARED TO STAND SQUARELY
BEHIND THE ANGLO-AMERICAN PROPOSALS, THEN WE DON'T SEE HOW
ANYTHING USEFUL CAN COME OUT OF THIS SUMMIT. WE BELIEVE PROBLEMS
WOULD BE CAUSED FOR US-AFRICAN RELATIONS AND A VACUUM MIGHT
WELL BE CREATED INTO WHICH THE SOVIETS COULD STEP.
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